Core Curriculum for Morbidity Coders

Please indicate which modules are covered by the submitted training materials by placing tick marks in the appropriate columns and indicate in what format materials are being submitted, e.g., print, CD-ROM. If an examination is also a part of the training, place an additional tick in the column. Materials should be sent to: American Health Information Management Association, Attention: Orlanthia Ewing, 233 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 2150, Chicago, Illinois, 60601, USA, to arrive no later than April 8.

Name of training product:	
Language in which materials are available:	

Knowledge Cluster (Training Module)	Enclosed	Format
1. Biomedical sciences		
Intent: To develop an understanding of clinical knowledge through the		
study of the structure and function of the human body, pathophysiology,		
diagnostic and treatment modalities, and pharmacy therapy available for		
clinical management of patient care and to enhance professional		
communication in healthcare environments.		
1.1 Examination		
2. Legal/Ethical issues relevant to the country in which coding is being		
done		
Intent: To introduce legal and ethical issues applicable to health		
information, its collection and release.		
2.1 Examination		
Healthcare Data Content and Structure		
Intent: To introduce the generic components of the content, use and		
structure of healthcare data and data sets and how these components		
relate to primary and secondary record systems.		
3.1 Examination		
4.1 General uses of morbidity data		
Intent: To explain the purposes for which morbidity data are collected and		
how they are used.		
4.1 Examination		
5.1 Specific Uses of Morbidity Data		
Intent: To introduce the specific uses of coded morbidity data and health		
information appropriate to healthcare settings		
5.1 Examination		
6. Users of morbidity data		
Intent: To explain the different groups and stakeholders who are users of		
morbidity data.		
6.1 Examination		
7. Healthcare Delivery Systems		
Intent: To provide an awareness of the organization, financing and		
delivery of healthcare services		
7.1 Examination		
8. International Classification of Diseases (ICD)		
Intent: To develop an understanding of the ICD and to develop the		
knowledge and skills that are necessary to assign valid diagnostic codes.		
8.1 Examination		
9. How to code		
Intent: To provide detailed instruction and experience on how to apply the coding rules and assign codes.		
9.1 Examination		
10. Quality Assurance Intent: To raise awareness about the various factors that influence the		
quality of coded data and describe techniques for assuring the highest		
quality data possible.		
10.1 Examination		